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30 July 1946

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

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The Comptroller General
General Accounting Office
5th and F Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Accounting and Bookkeeping Division

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Presidential directive of 22 January 1946, the National Intelligence Authority has, through a series of directives to the Director of Central Intelligence, established over-all policies for foreign intelligence activities related to the national security, and has directed that the Central Intelligence Group engage in certain centralized intelligence activities which are of common interest to the Departments herein concerned. To implement properly the wishes of the President, the National Intelligence Authority has found it necessary to provide the Director of Central Intelligence with administrative and operational facilities which involve expenditure of funds and furnishing of personnel and equipment. This threefold method of supply has become so cumbersome as to impair seriously the administration of the Central Intelligence Group, and is becoming an important threat to the security of its operations.

We desire, therefore, under the provisions of Section 214 of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1946, to make available to the Central Intelligence Group, from the appropriations of the three Departments mentioned, amounts authorized by Congress for the support of intelligence activities and such other funds as it is in our discretion to use for this purpose. To administer these funds, it is proposed to establish a special working fund, as provided for in Section 601 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 417). This fund will be, for record purposes, in the War Department, but, with the approval of the Secretary of War, its administration and fiscal supervision will be solely by officers of the Central Intelligence Group. Upon the establishment of such a working fund, it is proposed, in addition to committing such funds of our respective Departments for administration by the Central Intelligence Group, to delegate to the Director of Central Intelligence or his authorized representatives the necessary authorities for the administration of those funds, for personnel actions, for procurement of equipment and supplies, and for the certification of vouchers. We are informed that the Bureau of the Budget is in full accord with the establishment of such a working fund.

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We therefore request, on behalf of the Departments we represent and in our capacity as members of the National Intelligence Authority, that you establish such a working fund under the provisions of Section 601 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 417). All officials of our Departments and of the Central Intelligence Group are prepared to give you complete cooperation.

(Signed)
Secretary of State

Signed
Secretary of War

Signed
Secretary of the Navy

Signed
Personal Representative
of the President on N.I.A.